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COLLECTION SYSTEM)
WITH COLLECTION BAG)
ON MOVABLE CART)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

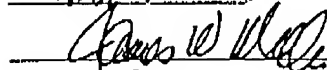
In response to the Office Action of June 13, 2007, the Applicant hereby elects the species identified by the Examiner as "a debris collection system having a cart of specific designs (clms. 1-8, 26-29)". However, the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner about which claims read on the elected species and to that extent the requirement is traversed. In the Applicant's view, claims 1-8, 18, and 24-31 are readable on the elected species.

Claims 18, 24 and 25 are readable on the elected species as these claims are not specifically directed to the dis-

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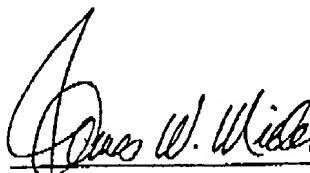
posable bag species, but are broad enough to read on the main species that includes a reusable bag. The elected species should include claims directed to at least one of the bag species, i.e. to at least the reusable bag species which was not listed as a separate species by the Examiner.

Claim 25 is clearly directed to the elected species as it relates to the horizontal orientation of the collection bag on the cart.

While claims 30 and 31 are directed to the hose, such claims are merely directed to how the hose connects to the cart to allow the cart to be pulled by the hose to trail behind the hose. The details of the hose/cart connection, which the Examiner suggests is a separate species, do not appear until dependent claims 33-35. Assuming arguendo that claims 33-35 belong to the hose/cart connection details species, the same is not true of the broader claims 30 and 31. These claims belong to the elected species of the cart and should be examined as well.

Thus, claims 1-8, 18 and 24-31 are readable on the elected species of a debris collection system having a cart of specific designs and all of these claims should be initially examined.

Respectfully submitted,



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